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BILL NELSON  
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April 6, 2017

Mr. Jordan Dorfman  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Water, Office of Wastewater Management  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, District of Columbia 20460

**RE: Osceola County - EPA - WIFIA Loan**

Dear Mr. Dorfman:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Osceola County's efforts to obtain a federal grant. The goal of their proposed project is to develop a regional stormwater pond to protect the environment, develop economic opportunities, protect the floodplain and enhance the region's critical future water supply. I respectfully request your consideration of this organization's application for federal funding.

Osceola County seeks to develop what was previously an active dairy and sod farm known as Judge Farms. If funded, this project will provide up to 6 million gallons per day (MGD) of alternative water supply for the region; increase local aquifer recharge options; create economic opportunities with the creation of a master-planned campus known as NEOCITY. Additionally, this will allow for an expansion of Osceola Heritage Park; provide stormwater treatment for the Mill Slough and East City Ditch; enhance eco-tourism opportunities for picnicking, wildlife viewing, fishing and recreational trail use and development; and allow for future roadway and economic development expansions with construction of a regional water retention network.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

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CC: Ms. Helen Miller, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF WATER

The Honorable Bill Nelson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

Thank you for your April 6, 2017, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Letter of Interest submitted by Osceola County for a loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

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Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Matt Klasen in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov) or (202) 566-0780.

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Benita Best-Wong  
Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

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Thirty-ninth District-California

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April 4, 2017

Ms. Jorianne Jernberg  
Director  
WIFIA Program  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
William Jefferson Clinton West Building-room 6210A  
1301 Constitution Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Ms. Jernberg:

I am writing to express my support for Orange County Water District's (OCWD) Letter of Intent for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) credit assistance.

OCWD is currently working towards completion of their Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion Project. According to OCWD, this project will expand their highly purified recycled water facilities to 130 million gallons per day, the equivalent of one year's water supply for over one million people.

As you know, California is in the midst of an historic drought. Among other things, the drought has highlighted California's need for improved and more extensive water infrastructure. I believe OCWD's Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion Project, which will vastly increase the water resources available to my community, is consistent with the types of projects WIFIA aims to assist.

I request full and fair consideration of OCWD's Letter of Intent for WIFIA credit assistance for its Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion Project. Should you have any questions, please contact Blair Rotert in my Washington, DC office at (202) 225-4111.

Regards,

EDWARD R. ROYCE  
Member of Congress



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF WATER

The Honorable Edward R. Royce  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Royce:

Thank you for your April 4, 2017, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Letter of Interest submitted by the Orange County Water District for a loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

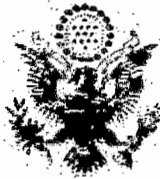
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Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Matt Klasen in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov) or (202) 566-0780.

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Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator



United States Senate

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April 10, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue  
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I write in support of Orange County Water District's (OCWD) application for financial assistance from the Water Infrastructure Finance and Investment Act (WIFIA) for their Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) Final Expansion Project.

OCWD is requesting \$124.4 million in WIFIA assistance to increase the output of the GWRS plant from 100 gallons per day to a total of 130 million gallons of water per day. Once completed, GWRS will serve as a drought-proof water supply capable of producing enough potable water to meet the needs of one million people throughout Orange County. By harnessing local supplies, the project decreases Orange County's reliance on imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River. Additionally, the plant's groundwater basin functions as an underground reservoir— not only increasing available water supply, but also providing a safety net in times of drought.

In conjunction with Orange County Sanitation District, OCWD has invested more than \$623 million to date to construct the plant and operate it at its current capacity. If awarded WIFIA assistance, OCWD will be able to complete this expansion in a cost-effective manner, thereby bolstering the safety and reliability of Orange County's water supply as a whole.

I urge you to give OCWD's application your full consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Los Angeles office at (310) 941-7300.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

APR 26 2017

OFFICE OF WATER

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your April 10, 2017, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Letter of Interest submitted by the Orange County Water District for a loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

WIFIA program staff are currently evaluating all letters of interest (LOIs) submitted by prospective borrowers. Evaluations are based on each LOI's alignment with statutory and regulatory requirements, as well as a preliminary creditworthiness and an initial feasibility review. The EPA anticipates selecting projects and sending invitations to apply to those projects by the end of June 2017. Additional information on the WIFIA application process is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>.

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April 7, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue  
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I write in support of Silicon Valley Clean Water's (SVCW) application for financial assistance from the Water Infrastructure Finance and Investment Act (WIFIA) for their Regional Environmental Sewer Conveyance Upgrade (RESCU) project.

SVCW is requesting \$194 million in WIFIA guarantees to ensure the completion of RESCU, which focuses on making desperately needed improvements to the Silicon Valley's aging wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities. At the inception of the project, many of the facilities were more than 45 years old, and frequently leaking sections of the pipe were in dire need of repair. To date, Silicon Valley ratepayers have financed \$225 million of the improvements, but federal assistance is necessary to supplement this funding and avoid any future rate increases.

Financial assistance provided by WIFIA would allow SVCW to accelerate completion of the RESCU project. These long overdue rehabilitation efforts will ensure maintenance of Silicon Valley's water infrastructure, thereby protecting regional water quality, public health, and the environment.

I urge you to give SVCW's application your full consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my San Francisco office at (414) 393-0707.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

APR 26 2017

OFFICE OF WATER

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your April 7, 2017, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Letter of Interest submitted by Silicon Valley Clean Water for a loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

WIFIA program staff are currently evaluating all letters of interest (LOIs) submitted by prospective borrowers. Evaluations are based on each LOI's alignment with statutory and regulatory requirements, as well as a preliminary creditworthiness and an initial feasibility review. The EPA anticipates selecting projects and sending invitations to apply to those projects by the end of June 2017. Additional information on the WIFIA application process is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>.

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0546**

March 30, 2017

Ms. Jodi Anne Jernberg  
WIFIA Program Director  
US EPA WIFIA Program  
William Jefferson Clinton West Building-room 6210 A  
1301 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington DC 20004  
**SUBJECT: WIFIA Loan Program – Orange County Water District Letter of Interest**

Dear Ms. Jernberg:

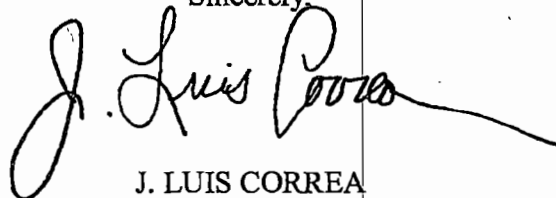
The Orange County Water District (OCWD) has provided my office a copy of its Letter of Interest to be considered for WIFIA financial assistance to construct its Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) Final Expansion Project. As a supporter of WIFIA, I write to express my support of OCWD's effort to be selected for funding consideration. The opportunity to extend WIFIA assistance to OCWD would meet the priorities as set out in the WIFIA program authorization.

Orange County Water District and the Orange County Sanitation District have invested approximately \$623 million to date to construct the existing 100 million gallon per day GWRS. The GWRS Final Expansion project would increase the size of the treatment plant to 130 million gallons per day. Once completed, the GWRS will provide enough water to meet the needs of one million people in Orange County California.

The GWRS has been a remarkable achievement in the development of new local water resources. Orange County Water District and the Orange County Sanitation District have demonstrated to the water industry how to conserve and reuse limited water supplies for the benefit of all of California. The GWRS Final Expansion project is estimated to cost \$252 million. Receiving low interest loan financing for the project under the WIFIA program would allow the project to be constructed in a cost effective manner for the public that depends on a safe and reliable water supply.

Again, I wholeheartedly support the Letter of Interest and look forward to learning of the WIFIA Program's review.

Sincerely,



J. LUIS CORREA  
Member of Congress



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

APR 26 2017

OFFICE OF WATER

The Honorable J. Luis Correa  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Correa:

Thank you for your March 30, 2017, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Letter of Interest submitted by the Orange County Water District for a loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

WIFIA program staff are currently evaluating all letters of interest (LOIs) submitted by prospective borrowers. Evaluations are based on each LOI's alignment with statutory and regulatory requirements, as well as a preliminary creditworthiness and an initial feasibility review. The EPA anticipates selecting projects and sending invitations to apply to those projects by the end of June 2017. Additional information on the WIFIA application process is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>.

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March 20, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Administrator, 1101A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

I write in support of the application submitted by Silicon Valley Clean Water ("SVCW") for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act ("WIFIA") loan. Securing \$194 million in guarantees would enable the agency to complete the SVCW Regional Environmental Sewer Conveyance Upgrade ("RESCU") project, a program that is vital to the communities served by the agency. WIFIA funding will not only accelerate the completion of these wastewater and reclaimed water-related projects, but the loan will also help preserve local public health and demonstrate environmental stewardship.

In 2008, SVCW began to rehabilitate and replace aging wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities in its service area. Many of these facilities were over 45 years old and exceeded their design life. Frequently-leaking sections of pipe were replaced and deficient treatment processes were rehabilitated. Agency ratepayers have so far supported this initiative through increased sewer rates that already funded over \$225 million in repairs and replacements.

An additional \$590 million is needed over the next eight years to complete all required projects. Obtaining \$194 million in WIFIA loans would supplement the funding already derived from ratepayers. If SVCW is unable to secure additional funding, residents in the SVCW service area will face impractical rate increases in order to pay for the needed improvements. Remaining project funding will also likely be jeopardized, which will negatively affect residents, water resources and the environment.

The completion of the vital RESCU project will help maintain the water infrastructure needed to protect the environment, public health and water quality in the areas served by the agency. WIFIA loan funds would put SVCW in the position to rapidly move forward with these critical projects. I respectfully request your approval, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations, of this application.

All the best,



Jackie Speier

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

APR 26 2017

OFFICE OF WATER

The Honorable Jackie Speier  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

Thank you for your March 20, 2017, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Letter of Interest submitted by Silicon Valley Clean Water for a loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

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Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

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**Congress of the United States**  
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April 5, 2017

Ms. Jodi Anne Jernberg  
WIFIA Program Director  
US EPA WIFIA Program  
William Jefferson Clinton West Building-room 6210 A  
1301 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington DC 20004

Re: WIFIA Loan Program – Orange County Water District Letter of Interest

Dear Ms. Jernberg:

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) has provided my office a copy of its Letter of Interest for WIFIA financial assistance consideration in order to construct its Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) Final Expansion Project. During my twenty-nine year tenure in Congress, I have advocated on behalf of the OCWD GWRS. It is an engineering phenomenon in water management and I am honored that it is located in the heart of my Congressional District.

The Orange County Water District and the Orange County Sanitation District have invested approximately \$623 million to construct the existing 100 million gallon per day GWRS. The GWRS Final Expansion project will increase the size of the treatment plant to 130 million gallons per day. Once completed, the GWRS will provide water to meet the needs of one million people in Orange County, California.

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Please know that I stand with the OCWD as they move forward to the GWRS Final Expansion Project. I strongly support the Letter of Interest and trust that the WIFIA program review will find in favor of the OCWD.

Yours sincerely,

Dana Rohrabacher  
Member of Congress  
48<sup>th</sup> District-CA



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

MAY - 2 2017

The Honorable Dana Rohrabacher  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

OFFICE OF WATER

Dear Congressman Rohrabacher:

Thank you for your April 5, 2017, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Letter of Interest submitted by the Orange County Water District for a loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

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